

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 21, 2005

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:00 P.M.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by George Denholm of St. Peter's Lutheran.
 - B. Pledge – Mayor Fred Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Mayor Fred Armstrong introduced Staff Sgt. Ryan Smith with the United States Air Force. Ryan Smith presented Mayor Armstrong a U.S. flag encased in a wood frame. Armstrong accepted the flag on behalf of the City of Columbus. Sgt. Smith, who served in Iraq, said the flag was flown over a tanker during Operation Enduring Freedom.
 - D. Roll Call: Present: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, and August Tindell –Absent: George Dutro.
 - E. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting: Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting of June 7, 2005. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

None
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 26, 2005, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7” (Toyota Tsusho America, Inc.) Jim Clouse, Special Projects Manager, along with Steven Tames, Assistant Vice-President, at Toyota Tsusho America, Inc. requested a tax abatement. Jim Clouse stated Toyota Tsusho was requesting tax abatement on real property and personal property in the total amount of 2.8 million. As a result, seven (7) new positions would be created. Steve Tames spoke briefly about the company and its progress. Robert Kittle reported that the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Toyota Tsusho to be in substantial compliance. Robert Kittle made a motion to approve the Resolution. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - B. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2005, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “AG” (AGRICULTURE) TO “SU-11” (SPECIAL USE-PUBLIC BUILDINGS & USES).” (Clifford Fire Dept.) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. He indicated the purpose of the rezoning was to build a new fire station on the property. He presented slides of the property. He indicated the Columbus Plan

Commission had reviewed the application and had given it a favorable recommendation with certain conditions. Discussion followed. Martha Myers made a motion to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- C. Introduction of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2005 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” (Kamman Property Annexation) Jeff Bergman introduced the property requested to be annexed and explained the annexation process. No action was taken due to it being only the introduction.
- D. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2005, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “R-2” (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO “I-2C” (MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL WITH CONDITIONS) AND “I-1C” (RESIDENTIAL INDUSTRIAL WITH CONDITIONS).” (Kamman Property Rezoning) Jeff Bergman, Director of the Planning Department, presented a site plan and slides of the property desired to be re-zoned. He explained the re-zoning is being sought for the purpose of industrial development. Jeff Bergman indicated the Columbus Plan Commission reviewed the application and gave it a favorable recommendation. Discussion followed. Bruce Beecher, neighbor to the property, spoke of concerns about flooding. Steve Ruble, City Engineer, was asked questions concerning the flooding issue. Robert Kittle made a motion to place in proper channels. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- E. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2005, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CITY OF COLUMBUS PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN FOR SWORN POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS.” Brenda Sullivan, City Clerk Treasurer, explained this Ordinance was before the Council in order to simply set a policy and procedure for the City of Columbus. Fire Chief, Gary Henderson, answered questions regarding the pension program and the DROP program. Discussion followed. Ann DeVore moved to place in proper channels. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- F. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2005, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISH FUND BALANCES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2004, Brenda Sullivan, City Clerk Treasurer reported to the Council the reason this Ordinance was before them was upon the advise of Karrie Flemming, examiner with the Indiana State Board of Accounts. Brenda Sullivan, Clerk Treasurer, was advised to use the Home Rule Statute and present the Ordinance in order to move forward with correct fund balances. Martha Myers moved to place in proper channels. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- G. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 27, 2005, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS. Oakel Hardy, Director of Informational Services asked that his B priority items be released so he could purchase computer equipment. He explained he intended to use

the funds to purchase equipment that were somewhat different than what he originally requested. Jesse Brand moved to approve the Resolution. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports were given.
- B. The next regular scheduled meeting is July 5th at 7:00 o'clock P.M.
- C. Adjournment – Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:56 o'clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer